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Biden marks National Consumer Protection Week with statewide seminars

Wilmington, DE – Attorney General Beau Biden announced that the Delaware Department of Justice is marking National Consumer Protection Week by conducting informational public forums across Delaware today through Friday. The Department’s presentations will focus on the common consumer crimes of identity theft as well as charity fraud, brought into focus in the aftermath of the Haiti and Chile earthquakes and the Attorney General’s recent warning to be alert for schemes purporting to be legitimate earthquake relief charities.

“The best protection against consumer fraud is to prevent it in the first place,” Attorney General Biden stated. “We’re recognizing Consumer Protection Week by traveling to every corner of our state to talk with consumers, and in particular seniors, about common scams and frauds and educate them about how to avoid becoming victims. We invite all Delawareans to learn more about protecting themselves and their families by attending our presentations, visiting our website, or calling our Consumer Hotline at 800-220-5424.”

The Department’s presentations are taking place as follows:

Date	Time	Location
Monday, March 8	8:45 - 9:45 am	Modern Maturity Center, 11221 Forrest Ave, Dover
Monday, March 8	11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Frederica Senior Center, 216 Market St, Frederica
Wednesday, March 10	10:00 - 11:00 am	Georgetown Senior Center, 546 S. Bedford St, Georgetown
Wednesday, March 10	11:30 am - 12:00 pm	Roxana CHEER Center, 34314 Pyle Center Rd, Frankford
Wednesday, March 10	12:30 - 1:30 pm	Long Neck CHEER Center, 26089 Long Neck Rd, Millsboro
Friday, March 12	9:30 - 10:00 am	Mid County Sr. Center, First Regiment Rd, Wilmington
Friday, March 12	10:30 - 11:30 am	Newark Senior Center, 200 White Chapel Drive, Newark
Friday, March 12	12:15 - 1:00 pm	New Castle Senior Center, 400 South Street, New Castle
Friday, March 12	2:00 - 3:00 pm	Ingleside Retirement Community, 1005 N. Franklin Street, Wilmington

Each presentation will be led by a Deputy Attorney General from the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Unit. Participant questions will be encouraged. Presentations are free and open to the public. Registration is not required.

Delaware consumers are urged to report suspected scams or fraudulent solicitations to the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Unit by calling 1-800-220-5424 or sending an e-mail to consumer.protection@state.de.us. Consumers are also encouraged to visit the Attorney General's website at www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov to view a wide variety of helpful tips and educational information, instructions for filing consumer complaints, as well as "consumer alert" notices that draw attention to specific frauds and scams.

Learn more about National Consumer Protection Week by visiting www.consumer.gov/ncpw

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